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## HOSTILITIES WERE BEGUN BY CHINESE.

Kempff Says Taku Forts Committed Act of War by Firing on Fleet.

JOINS WITH OTHER POWERS.

Regards Situation as One for Pro tection of Our National Honor-Warship Monocacy Fired On.

Washington, July 26.-The Navy Department has just made public the following additional chapter in Admiral Kempff's re-

"United States Pincship Newark, Taku, China, June 10, 1906 -Sir: Referring to my recent actions is declining to take part in the scinure of the Taku forts and in afterwards making common cause with the foreign forces in the protection of foreign life. and property, I would respectfully state that the Chinese Government is now puralyzed, and the sect t edicts show that it is in sympathy with the Bexers.

2. The fact that under existing circum stances the Irones at the forts were given much extra drills, torpedoes were provided, and, it is claimed, planted in the entrance of the Pei-Ho, was considered monacing and by other senior naval officers sufficient cause to justify them in demanding the temporary eccupation of the forts. This culminated in the bombardment of the forts by other foreign gunboats on the morning of the 17th first,-which has been described. In this bembardment the Monocacy was fired upon and struck without having received previous

I. It is now necessary to join with the foreign Powers for common defense and preservation of foreign people and the honor of our country.

4. I refused to join in taking possession of the Imperial Chinese Railway Station, and also declined to join in the demand for emperary occupation of the Taku forts, for I thought it against the policy and wishes of our Government to be entangled with er foreign Powers in such a step, and so because it endangered the lives of peoin interior in advance of absolute necesple; for, up to early morning of June 17, the sithese Government had not committed, so

Chiras I am aware, any act of open hostil-far iteward the foreign armed forces. Ities in opening fire without warning, an 5. war was committed. When many set of were fired at the place where the shots acy was moorel-about 2,00 yards Monoche forth-those firing must have from 1 of her presence there, as she had known pored in that position for a number been m

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the napple, and have acted accordingly,
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"LOUIS KEMPPP, "LOUIS KEMPFP,

Amiral United States Navy: Secon!

Rear Amand United States Naval Force,
in Com Station. in Com Station.

Asiatice-retary of the Navy, Bureau of The Station, Washington, D. C."

## ETTER FROM SHANGHAL

G corgia Missionary Describes Terrible Scenes During Rioting.

Columbus, Ga., July 26.-A Columbus woman to-day received from her sister, Miss Virginia Atkinson, a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in China, the following letter, showing that the uprising has spread to Southern China and giving a vivid story of her experience:
"Shanghal, June 29.—You see I am in Shanghal, Have had to run from a riot egain. Had it not rained Saturday night and Sunday night in Soc-Chow there might not have been any one left to tell the story. On Saturday we felt that they were ripe for an

day, so that nothing could possibly be done. Rain always cools off a Chinaman for a We left for Shanghat on Monday, One of the brethren came with us on the boat with a loaded pistol and we got in safely. There are a number of men-of-war in the river and this city is well guarded both by men and artillery. I scarcely think that there can be trouble here, but four of us with some of our Chinese Christian refugees are

attack, but it poured sheets of rain on Su

getting off to Japan next week to remain indefinitely. "This strain is awful. Before leaving Son-Chow, for days we did not dare allow ourselves to go fast aslesp, and one night we spent a good deal of the time walking the streets. If they would out people's heads off or shoot them down decently it would not be so bad, but to be sliced and pitchforked and quartered alive is another thing. "It is swful new, but when it is over China will be new, will be awake, and just think of the joy of working then."

WATCH THE JAPANESE.

Frenchman Points to Danger of Alliance With China.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Paris, Thursday, July 28.—(Copyright, 180), by the New York Heruld Company.)—One European official among the last to leave Pekin before the outbreak is Doctor De theve, an army surgeon, but at present de-tached, and in the service of the Hankow-Pekin Railway Company. Ductor betheve left Pekin April 15, and has just arrived in Parls. According to him there was nothing

convulsion when he sailed. ported from the south of the Province, and on the journey from Pekin to Tien-Tsin b noticed many railway sleepers had been ab structed, whether by insurgent Boxers or by common thieves accumulating firewood, h could not say. In Doctor Detheve's opinion the present crisis was provoked not by antiforeign sentiment, but by an anti-lynastic

to cause an apprehension of such a sudden

worked up by appeals to their dislike o foreigners, their customs and inventions but this was only an incidental feature of the rising, which is directed against the reigning dynasty.

In fact, the attacks on the European may be part of a plot to sweep the Man-chus from power, as Europe is certain to hold them responsible for all bloodshed. In any case, Doctor Detheve is convinced that the object of the movement is to replace the Ming dynasty upon the throne, He expressed little hope of the safety of the European Ministers in Pekin. He looks up-on the total absence of any news from them as a discouraging sign, and believes that the central Government is simply breaking the first outburst of European an-ger by temporizing and letting the truth of the hideous catastrophe escape piece-meal

meal.

Upon one point Doctor Detheve is very emphatic; that is the imperative necessity of preventing Japan and Chins ever Joining hands. There is no love lost between the two countries, the Japanese despising the Chinese for their solvering and the energy and the Chinese regarding the Japanese with the Contempt they manifest toward all foreigners who are progressive. lighers who are progressive.



UNCLE SAM: "I'M THE ONE THAT'S GOING TO PUNISH THIS MURDERER-MR. McKINLEY, NOT YOU-OR YOUR PARTY."

"The situation in China, whatever the outcome, must not be misunderstood. If the Chinese Government has sinned against civilization, it must be punished swiftly and terribly. But this will be the act of the American people, not of the Republican party alone. Democrats everywhere must keep alive to the fact that the conditions presenting themselves in the Orient are not to be confused with the fundamental principle of our present great fight. The Chinaman, if convicted, will be punished by the American people, not by McKinley and Hay."-Senator Vest,

# TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri-Fair Friday and Saturday; warmer in southern portion Friday; southeasterly winds. For Illnois-Generally fair Friday and Saturday; light to fresh north-For Arkunsas-Generally fair Friday and Saturday; easterly winds.

1. Southern Provinces of China Prepare for War.

Lt Hung Chang on Pekin News

Hostilities Were Begun by Chinese. 2. Peace Follows Panama Battle.

Roberts Reports Another Victory. 3. Testimony Closed in Jester Case. Rathbone's Arrest May Soon Occur. Evidence of Conspiracy in Goebel Case

Artillery and Infantry in New Orleans. 4. Results at Race Tracks.

5. Three Boys Accused of Burglary, Piasa Hotel Walters Walk Out. The Rallways.

Illinois Central Makes a Showing Many Mills May Close, Wanted to Marry, but Couldn't

6. Differial. Noted Republican Quits the Party, Found Dead in His Bachelor Home.

Notes About St. Louisans. 7. Refused to Cowhide Her Husband, Hoyt Pleaded for Liberty.

City News in Brief. 8. Republic Want Ada.

9. New Corporations. Transfers of Realty.

ie. Grain and Other Markets.

11. Financial News.

Week's Trade in Iron River Telegrams.

12. St. Louis Markets Sutpass the East, Sturgeon Ready to Reply to Carroll. Chicago Canal Report Misleading. Burglar at Her Bedside. War Fever in Kansas.

is a strong racial affinity between the peo-Once let Japan make an alliance with China," he said, "once let the Ji take a band in the reform of the Chin will be face to face with a tangible yellow

#### SOUTHERN PACIFIC WRECK.

One Fatally Injured and Several Badly Hurt Near Beaumont.

Beaumont, Tex., July 28.-One person was fatally and two were seriously injured in a wreck on the Southern Pacific, three miles east of here, to-day. The injured:

Delane Johnson, fatal. J. H. Russell, Winsboro, Tex., serious

Mrs. Robert S. Clevens, Lake Charles, La., se broken and other injuries. The wreeked train was possenger train No. 7, which left New Orleans last night. While running at full speed the axle of the tender suddenly snapped and all the coach es and the first Pullman sleeper left the track and turned over an embankment.

There were many narrow escapes and sev-

#### eral passengers received slight injuries. INSANE MOTHER'S DEED.

Shot Her Daughter to Save Her From an Imaginary Worse Fate.

Omaha, Neb., July 28.-A special to the World-Herald from Schuyler, Neb., says: Mrs. James Gadsden, a prominent resident, shot her daughter Alice, aged 13, twice, Inflicting serious, if not fatal, wounds. Mrs. Gadsden is insane, having returned recently from a hospital. She admits doing th shooting, and says she only regrets that it did not prove instantly fatal, saying that she had to shoot the child to save her from being chopped up.

She imagined she was to be hanged her-self, and that the children were to be chopped up.

# LEADING TOPICS EVEN VICEROYS DO NOT KNOW.

Mystery Still Veils the Pekin Situation-China's Appeal for Mediation-Li Hung Chang Suspected.

ers appear to have received an identical brought a caravan of 20 persons and effi-Chinese appeal for mediation; but, in the cials from the railway to Zurughaitu. Chi-absence of definite news regarding the fats Chinese appeal for mediation; but, in the absence of definite news regarding the fate of the ministers and of any reliable indications of the real origin of the appeal, it received, or to do anything beyond formally acknowledging it, with, perhaps, so intimution that nothing could be done until news from Pekin had arrived.

If it could be ascertained beyond doubt that the reports of a massacre at Pekin were unfounded-and there is a disposition here to believe that the Ministers may, after all, be held as hostages-Lord Sallsbury's policy probably would incline more toward iciliation attributed to Washington than to the revenue attributed to Berlin. But, while there is no cessation of the deluge of rumors, it is beginning to be be-Beved at Shanghal, Canton and other points, that the Viceroys are as complete ly in the dark as to affairs in Pekin as the Europeans themselves

Meanwhile the doings of Li Hung Chang are regarded with ever-increasing suspicion, while the situation in the southern Provinces daily grows worse.

With the report that the allies will begin to advance upon Pekin in a fortnight and in view of Admiral Seymeur's visit of Inspection to the Yang-tse-Klang, the feeling is that no great time will slap before matters assume a more definite shape.

The Viceroy of Nankin still professes to able, with the aid of the other Yangtse Vicetoys, to keep order; but he de-clares that, if Europe sends warships, this will assuredly lead to an anti-fereign out-

If it be true that the Japar started a campaign from Shan-Hal-Kwan, that also will precipitate the matter, but the report to this effect lacks confirma-

It is reported from Tien-Tsin that the Chinese forces are concentrating at the vilinge of Getsang, ten miles north of Tien-Tsin, where, it is said, large quantities

of rice are stored. The Russian and Japanese cavalry are keeping in close touch with the enemy. The river is still low, and water transport would be difficult.

With reference to the control of the ratiway, it is understood that Mr Kinder British engineer, has arranged with the Chinese General for protection of the line beyond Pel-Tang. Therefore, Russian

ment is disturbed, it is understood that the destruction of the line is inevitable There is little fresh news regarding th situation in Manchuria. The Russians in-flicted another serious defeat upon the Chi-nese at Fort Echo on July 21. From Kobe mes a report that eight battalions of Ruscians have been compelled to leave Vinili-rostok and Tien-Tsin on account of the

#### HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED. St. Petersburg, July 26-The Russian age t Hankow telegraphs under date of July

21, as follows:
"Foreignets are in constant state of pani

"Foreigners are in constant, who are af-fected by the events in the Northern Prov-faces. The American and British Consuls have recommended their respective people to send their families to Shangbai, Neverto send their families to describe the theless, there are no symptoms that serious disturbances are impending. The Viceroy has taken all necessary measures to protect foreigners and reassure Chinese." The Russian Minister at Seoul, M. Pavo off, reports that the Russian detachmen which left Port Arthur en route to Pyong Yang, reaching Jiju Sunday, July 22, has ar-rived at Pyong-Yang with the loss of fifteen killed and many wounded. They fought

London, July 27, 4 25 s. m.-All the Pow- a detachment of rallway guards safely

seems that Lord Salisbury, the Premier, considered it was not even necessary to publish the fact that the appeal had been the Yalu River. He attacked the Chin posts in the face of a heavy fire. hinese pickets were taken prisoners. Three magazines were set on fire and exploded. The Chinese lost 500 killed, while the Russian loss was only seven.

A desultory bombardment of Blacovest hensk continues. The town of Aigun has een set on fire by the Russians. The Chiat Sakhalin have been compelled to re treat and take a fresh intrenched position. Cossacks have destroyed the Chinese pickets at Nikolsk, Kuprianovsk and Starville

## COLONEL MEADE AN INVALID.

Major Waller Now Ranking Marin Officer in China

Washington, July 26 .- The Navy Department this morning received the following ablegram from Admiral Remey:

"Taku, July 2t, via Chee-Foo, July 25. Bureau Navigation, Washington; Meade, condemned, Mare Island Hospital rheumatism; Major Waller succeeds com mand First Regiment. My obtainable in

formation clears marines of any imputation burning houses or looting Tien-Tsin. "REMEY." The fact that Colonel Meade, who was ; ommand of the marines at Taku, has been invalided home on account of rheumatism ies created no surprise among his comrade. of the navy, who knew him best. While a man of indominable will, Colonel Mende's vitality has been below par, and it has been

an elmost constant struggle for him to per form his duties. Colonel Monde has been the ranking ma rine officer at the Cavite naval station since its establishment. His departure from Taku will leave Lieutenant Colonel Coolidge of the Ninth Infantry in command of the American land forces. The letter's command, however, will be only temporary, as the arrival of General Chaffee within the sext few days will place him in suprem ommand. Major Waller, who is no ranking marine officer, also will give upon the arrival of the Grant to tiddle, who is his senior. Major Biddle hawith him on the Grant two companies of the Fourth Buttalion of marines, the first detachment of marines which have gon the first direct from the United States to the

scene of trouble in China.

The acquisition of these 225 marines will ring the total force of marines close to 38. Owing to the largely increased force of marines and the re-enforcements, which are on their way from the United States, Colonel William S. Muse, who is now sta-tioned at the Mare Island Navy Yard, San Francisco, may be assigned to commun-

The Navy Department is very much grati hed to hear from Hear Admiral Remey di-fect to hear from Hear Admiral Remey di-rect a denial of the imputation that Ameri-can marines participated in any way in the burning and looting of Tien-Tsin after its capture by the alijes. However, this has been understood to be the fact from the first.

#### MORE SURGEONS WANTED.

General Sternberg Calls for One Hundred Medical Men.

Washington, July 26.-General Sternberg says that 100 additional medical officers are wanted by the Surgeon General for duty in their way through opposing natives at the point of the bayonet.

General Grodekoff, in a dispatch dated at Chabaravock, Tuesday, July 24, states that rears of age, will be accessed.

# SOUTHERN PROVINCES OF CHINA PREPARE FOR WAR.

Not to Suppress Rebels, but to Attack the Whites.

UPRISING SPREADS.

Li Hung Chang Now Reported in Favor of Tuan.

MINISTERS' SAFETY.

He Says Some Already Have Left Pekin-The Crisis.

London, July 27.—The Shanghal corre-epondent of the Daily Telegraph, telegraph

ig yesterday, says: ing yesterday, says:

"Active preparations in the Yang-tse region for war are in progress, not for war
egalast the rebels, but against foreign
Powers Junk leads of Chinese soldiers and
Boxers disguised as coollet are arriving
here daily. The arsenal is full of arms, and supplies are constantly coming in. The Nankin and Wuchang garrisons are being constantly re-enforced, and the Viceroys admit that they cannot much longer with-stand the pressure brought to bear by Sheng and Li Hung Chang, open them to join the forces with Prince Tuan. "Li Hung Chang new states that some of the members of the legations have already to the beat of the second that the control of the second that the oft Pekin, and may be expected shortly eming angry at the skepticism of

that the Ministers of the Powers to whom Thing has applied for mediation may still "The representatives of France, Japan. Russia and the United States have visited 1.1 Hung Chang, but the others still keep

"The Americans here are indignant over be fact that United States Consul Goodw has entered into relations with Earl but Mr. Goodnow defends his action on a ground that he is following the matruc-

ons of his Government.

Trade in Shanghai is so paralyzed that secusioms revenue will not suffice to seere the payment of the next installment

the foreign loan, "It is hoped that the arrival of Admiral Seymour here may stiffen the backs of the Southern Viceroys and restors the security

"Two English missionary ladies, Miss Whitehurch and Miss Secretl, have been murdered at Hsia-Oi, in the Province of Shan-St. Massacres are also reported from Che-Foo, Wednesday, Tut-Yuan and Pao-Ting-Fu."

ti-foreign influence, there will be a gevere Yang-tse-Klang is being strongly fortified with the newest guns, manned by German-drilled artillerymen.

#### THROWS OFF MASK. SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, July 26.-(Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst :- Li Hung Chang, the friend of Ceneral Grant and of Gordon of Khartoum, has at length thrown off the mask and blo simed forth in his true role as the associat and ally of Prince Tuan in the movement to drive all foreigners out of China. Enscopeed in the native arsenal at Shans hai, where he considers himself comparatively secure from foreign attack, be openly directing all the preparations for au strack upon the foreign settlement, and ustives of suspicious appearance, soldiers di eave no doubt that ere many days are passed the scenes of Tien-Tsin will be o

In spite of the protests of the foreign at borities at Shanghai, the forts at Wo ung, as well as the arsenal at Shanghal, have been almost hourly receiving addit tional armaments, munitions and re-en forcements, and so imminent is the out break and so openly deflant the attitude of both Le Hung Chang and Sheng that all foreigners at Shanghai unite in condemning hurt. the United States Consul there for continu ing to maintain any intercourse with either of these Chinese diguttaries.

ented at Shanghal.

The Governors of Nankin, Hankow and of other cities, as well as several of the provincial Vicercys, who have hitherto refrained from joining the anti-foreign move ment, have notified the consular and asval authorities that they could no longer resist the pressure brought to bear upon them by Li Hung Chang to join him and Prince Town a war upon the foreign Powers, so that cithin a few days all China will be in arms In the lobby of the House of Commons to night Lord Salisbury was roundly de nounced, even by members of his own party. for his weakness and indecision in refraining from giving Sir Heary Blake the authority, which he had demanded, to detain Li Hung Chang at Hong-Kong, either as prisner or as hostage.

TRIADS ARE CAUSING ALARM Hong-Kong, July 26.—The signs of me ing activity on the part of the secret ety known as the "Triads" are can

The Boxers are believed to be an offshoot of the "Triads," whose ramifications are widespread throughout the Southern Prov-inces of China. The organization is distinetty anti-foreign, and anti-Mancha, and numbers of Canton troops are enrolled in its ranks.

its ranks.

A report is current in Canton that the "Triads" are preparing for a night attack on the Shameen, and that the first sign will be the abscording of native servants. The createst apprehension prevails, although at present Canton is quiet. Many "Triads" have been arrested in

Hong-Kong during the last Iew months A Chinaman was arrested on July 8, on a charge of being a member of the "Triads." The evidence showed that he has held the rank of second in command in the or-ganization in the two Kwangs, with head-quarters at Sai-Kung, a new territory where he had been active in enroll members. His arrest, therefore, is one of the greatest importance. The insignia the greatest importance. The insignia found upon his person include the highest degrees.

An opium farmer has received a telegram
asserting that Li Hung Chang is unable to

roceed to Pekin and will return to Canto probably calling at Hong-Kong on the way. CHINESE CONCENTRATING. SPECIAL BY CABLE.

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# DEEP-LAID PLAN TO CONCEAL DATE OF THE PEKIN MASSACRE.

London, Friday, July 26.-(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)-A special dispatch to the Daily Mail, dated Shanghal, Thurs-

"The proposal made by the Chinese Government to the American Consul through Taotai Sheng, that hestilities against the Chinese should cease upon condition that the foreign Ministers were sent under escort to Tien-Tsin, appears to be part of a deep-laid plan to conceal the date of the massnere and the duplicity of the efficials who, being in possession of the

news, suppressed it. "The story will be that the Ministers all left Pekin under a strong e cort, but were set upon by a mob of Boxess. We shall be told that although 2 the Chinese soldiers fought bravely, they were evercome and all were mas-

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# LI HUNG CHANG ON PEKIN NEWS.

He Solemnly Declares That the Ministers Are Unharmed-Canton Viceroy, Taksu, Also Makes Similar Statement.

London, Friday, July 27 .-- A special dis- of war." patch from its special correspondent, dated Shanghal, Wednesday, July 25, to the Daily

Telegraph, says: "In an interview which he has had with ie American Coasul here, Li Hong Chang deninly declared that the Ministers in Pekin were all safe. He dealed the state ment that Kang YI had been appointed

Viceroy at Canton, "I have it on the best amihority that the Vicercy of Nankin, Liu Kun Yi, is himself guarant whether the Ministers are alive

"Liu Kun Yi is determined to preserve order in his Provinces, but if any reasonable fear becomes current of the purtition of China being intended, or of personal injury to the Empress Downger being threatened, the whole of Central China will evalude. The situation is, indeed, very pre-

"The new expedition for Pekin is expected to leave Tien-Tsin inside of a doct-

LETTER FROM BRITISH EXVOY. Che-Foo, Wednesday, July 25 -(Copyright, 1909, by the New York Herald Company i-It is reported that a letter has been received from the British Minister in Pekin

dated July 6. It said that the foreigners could hold out for weeks. The bombardment of the legation was continuing. For

ty persons had been killed and eighty

SATS WHITES ARE SAFE.

SPECIAL BY CABLE Canton, Tuesday, July 34, via Hong-Kong, Thursday, July 26 - (Copyright, 190), by the New York Herald Company.)-Special couriers who have just arrived at the yamen of Viceroy Taksu bring reports which, if true, confirm previous messages asserting that the foreign Ministers are safe in

Pekin, The Viceroy will to-morrow issue

proclamation to the foreign residents and Consuls worded as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that I have just received a message dated on the tocking in such numbers into the city as to | 22d inst. at Pekin. One of Yung Lu's imperial soldiers arrested a runger with a message from the British Legation. Yung La immediately informed the throne of the fact and ordered the runner back to the legation to inquire after the health of the Ministers. The British Minister replied that all were well and hoped for peace as early as possible. On the following day a deputy from the Tsung Li Yamen was sent to visit the legation. He met all of

> "I believe the danger now is over a Pekin. All of the Ministers and the foreighers are safe. I was glad when I read this message and basten to inform you in

the foreign Ministers. Not one had been

order to keep you satisfied." This proclamation is signed "Taksa." is eminently proper to say that it must be taken with a grain of salt, for it is the height of folly to trust the Chinese officials implicitly. They regard successful duplicity as the highest attribute a Viceroy can possess. Many Chinese here, to dis cussing the situation with foreigners, declare frankly that the telegrams about the safety of the foreign Ministers in Pekin such as those received by Li Hung Chang. attaches of the Vice Regal establishment in Canton insinuate that the Ministers have died of hunger. Fabulous sums have been expended by representatives of foreign Governments and newspapers to confirm these reports from Pekin, but all in

The state of suppressed feeling existing in Pekin and Tien-Tsin before the report of the massacres has its counterpart here. Arrests are made daily and Boxers and smugglers who are caught with arms and ammunition are quickly executed. Nevertheless the rowdy element remains pratically undismayed,

EARLY PEKIN LETTERS. London, Friday, July 27.-(Copyright, 1960, by the New York Herald Company.)-The Daily Mail publishes the fellowing from

its correspondent: "St. Petersburg, Thursday, July 26 .- The first direct news from Pekin arrived to-day in the form of two letters from the Direc tor of the Russo-Chinese Bank to the Minister of Finance. The first one is dated June 15, and reads:

"The situation here has reached a crisis On June 13 the German Embassy had a man belonging to the anti-Christian mob arrested in Legation street. This caused great commotion among the Chinese, who burned the American church to the ground. "Hearing of this the Europeans barricaded Legation street. The Chinese the tried to set fire to the European quarter, but here they were repuised, so they turned

their attention to the European houses in the Chinese quarter and sacked and burned every one of them. London, Friday, July 27 .- (Copyright, 1900, "It is impossible to send any guards of the legations to protect the houses from the mob, because the guards are too few

The second letter, dated June 19, says:

"We are still without any news. The international and Russian troops are being besieged. We have taken every possible precaution to insure our safety, as we are threatened with a sudden attack by the Chinese."

M'KINLEY AND HAY. They Confer at Canton-American

Policy Unchanged. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Canton, O., July M. Secretary of State Hay had a conference of an hour and a bulf with President McKinley to-day. Mr. Hay came here on a special car from Clevehand chartly before 12 o'clock and left at 1.55 for Washington, Secretary Cortelyed with the McKinley corriage drove to the train for Mr. Huy, and the President received the Secretary at the front gate of his house. A close conference followed.

Just before leaving Centen Secretary Hiry was interrogated on the absorbing State questions of the day. He said: "The public knows everything of im-portance about China, I have been away from Washington for three days and expect to get back there to-morrow morning offey of the Covernment in any way from the statements in the President's public let-ters and from notes of the department, Be-yond that, there is nothing for me to say." If any meaning is to be placed on these words of the Secretary of State, it would seem to be that he and the Fresklent to-

done all that it thinks can be done at pres-The troops ordered to the East will be pushed Chinaward; the preparations to ad-vance to Pekin to ascertain the true condition of affairs there will be hurried as much as possible; the United States still place dependence in the efforts of Chinese officials to bring order out of chaos; the United States Government will wait potiently, but while waiting do as much effective work as possible in line with the administration's

day again agreed the administration has

These are deductions not only from the talk with Secretary Hay to-day, but from the stond of the President as gathered here. Mr. McKinley, while assuming that the Ministers and foreigners in Pekin are safe. is prepared for the worst, and if it should transpire that a massacre has occurred the United States will assist in wreaking vengenuce upon the Chinese nation, asking no

#### ROCKHILL IS SUSPICIOUS.

Doesn't Credit Reports Emanating From Shan-Tung.

Washington, July 26.-Special Commissioner Rockhill will leave Washington Saturday with Mrs. Rockhill for San Francisco, stepping a day or two at Chicago en Francisco in time to take the Japanese liner America Maru, which sails for Yoke-hama and Nagasaki on the 3d of August. If Secretary Hay returns to Washington to-morrow morning, as B expected, Mr. Rock-hill will have a final conference with him before leaving for China. It will not be necessary for him to again see President McKinley, as he has received the fullest instructions from the President already.

Mr. Rockhill appeared to-day to believe that his task has been made much more difficult by the developments of the last day or two, particularly those indicating gradual drifting of China into a regularly established state of war with the Pow-He is chary about accepting, without full confirmation, any advices as to the situation at Pekin, that pass through the hands of the notorious Viceroy at Shan-Tung, Yuan Shih Kai, who is well known to him. Yuan was the Chinese Government's representative in Korea, in the period just preceding the Chinese-Japanesa war, and it is said here that he was one of-

#### ficial directly responsible for that war. RIOTING IN SHAN-SI.

Capital of the Province Affected-Missions Destroyed.

London, July 26 .- A dispatch from missionary sources, dated Shanghat, July 26,

"Rioting has broken out at Al-Yuen-Fu, the capital of the Province of Shan-Si. There are to details. Bioting has also occurred at Huni-Loh, south of Chi-Li. All the missions have been destroyed. Our friends safely escaped to the country, but are still in danger."

## MOHICAN GOING TO CHINA.

It Will Take the Old Ship Seventytwo Days to Make Trip.

Vallejo, Cal., July M.-Orders have been eccived at Mare Island to fit up the U. S. S. Mobican for duty on the Chinese station and to have her in condition to sail in seven days at the most. It will take seventy-two days for the Mohican to make the trip, and as she is one of the very old ships of the navy, some surprise is expressed at her ing ordered to take such a long cruise.